

At August 10 Meeting City Council Revises Election and Voting Laws

by Thomas X. White

With the Greenbelt city election season officially starting on Monday, August 17 when potential candidates for council can pick up nominations petitions, the Greenbelt City Council took final action on some legislation that was just in time. All members of council were present and a fair number of citizens and city staff were on hand for the August 10 meeting, which began on time at 8 p.m. and finished just before midnight.

Under Administrative Reports, City Attorney Robert Manzi provided council with a report on his most recent meeting with representatives of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Civil Rights Division, which is investigating Greenbelt’s election procedures following a February 2008 letter to the city from the Prince George’s Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Maryland Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

Manzi reported he had provided an update and information on city activities since their last

meeting and since their interviews with the five city councilmembers. This information included the nine public forums held by council over the past year and a half, actions by council to accommodate more early voting by registered Greenbelt voters, the enlargement of the city council to seven at-large members and the planned efforts to increase voter outreach and participation.

Manzi also reported that the DOJ representatives had no questions relating to council’s ultimate decision not to change the city’s election date to even years. They did, however ask if term limits had been considered.

DOJ requested the videos of the public forums and minutes of those meetings. Manzi noted that where videos were available for the forums, they were transmitted along with meeting summaries to the DOJ. He characterized the meeting as cordial but had no indication of any DOJ posture on the issues. He believes that the DOJ may be waiting to see how the November 3 election changes turn out. He also noted that the DOJ representatives acknowledged

that it is “very unusual for a municipality to come in and speak with them.”

Manzi cautioned council that it would be pure speculation as to where the DOJ was coming from but it was clear that the Greenbelt issue is still on their radar and that it will likely stay there.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin also reported that letters had been sent to the NAACP and the ACLU, providing an update on council’s efforts to liberalize Greenbelt’s election procedures and to enhance its outreach and education efforts to increase voter participation in the city elections.

McLaughlin also reported to council on the widespread distribution of the city’s recent special edition of the Greenbelt Bulletin, which was devoted to the upcoming Greenbelt City Council election. On that item Mayor Judith Davis noted that the city was receiving kudos for that edition of the Bulletin.

National Night Out
During the Administrative

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Council Meets with Police About Crimes and Gangs

by Carol Griffith

On July 20 the full City Council met with members of the Greenbelt Police Department to discuss, as Mayor Judith Davis described, “crime in the city, the activities of gangs and a report on the use of resource officers.” Representing the police department was Chief James Craze, Lt. Carl Schinner and Cpl. Seung W. Lee of the Criminal Investigations Unit. Lee’s presentation on gang activity in the city was the focal point of the meeting.

Craze presented the statistics on city crime from January through May 31. Crime, he reported, was at the same level it had been during the same period of last year. Although most of the city’s crime occurs in Greenbelt West, crime in Greenbelt East has risen by 12 percent, which Craze attributed to the diligence of in-house security at the stores in Greenway Center.

Councilmember Leta Mach asked about crime at the Metro station and Craze replied that there was little criminal activity there, with only an occasional incident of vandalism to cars reported. He said that the Metro station parking lots were the responsibility of the Greenbelt police, not the Metro police.

Councilmember Edward Putens asked Craze what it would take to reduce crime in Greenbelt by 25 percent. Craze reported that the main factor was “working with the public” – that residents must take the responsibility to report to the police their observations of possible criminal activity. Putens responded that he had received two recent emails from city homeowners’ associations about the presence of door-to-door salesmen complaining that

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Governor O’Malley Endorses Purple Line Light Rail for Two-county Route

by Barbara Hopkins

In New Carrollton on Tuesday, August 4 a bevy of state and local officials accompanied Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley as he formally announced support for the “locally preferred alternative” of light rail for the proposed Purple Line connecting Bethesda to New Carrollton and communities in between.

The 16-mile route the governor endorsed is the one already accepted by the county councils of Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties, the Montgomery County Planning Board and a number of municipalities in both jurisdictions. It follows the Capital Crescent Trail along the Georgetown Branch rail right-of-way and runs through property of Congressional Country Club.

The country club and the Town of Chevy Chase, along with nearly 30 other members of the Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Coalition (GBCCC), are the major opponents of this alternative. The coalition has collected more than 18,000 signatures on a petition to save the trail.

These entities instead support a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) along Jones Bridge Road, a route that avoids the country club and the Georgetown Branch section of the Capital Crescent Trail. Proponents say this alternate route

would better serve the future expansion of the National Naval Medical Center, which will not have a stop on the light rail route.

Estimates vary concerning the BRT option, which would cost from a third to half the price of light rail but would increase travel time and decrease ridership. Projections for light rail are 64,800 rides per day, removing 19,200 new car trips daily from the road. (The easing of traffic congestion is disputed on the website of the GBCCC.)

City Support

On June 8 the Greenbelt City Council voted to support a light rail alternative with the now state-endorsed alignment for the Purple Line with a recommendation to use best management practices to reduce environmental impacts along the trail. Councilmember Rodney Roberts voted against this support, instead seeking Greenbelt’s “good neighbor” support for the Town of Chevy Chase.

He also requested more explicit language in how to minimize environmental impacts to the Capital Crescent Trail in the city’s letter of support but was unsuccessful in getting this change adopted.

The Four Cities Coalition,

consisting of Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, College Park and New Carrollton, also sent a letter of strong support for the light rail option to the Maryland Secretary of Transportation on July 30. In this letter, the coalition encouraged the line to operate through both the University of Maryland campus and its proposed East Campus development using a Campus Drive alignment, saying that route would fulfill the Maryland Transit Administration’s goal of integrating mass transit into the center of campus. The letter also urged that construction begin in Prince George’s County.

Environmental Impacts

Roberts said trees hundreds of years old will need to be removed along the stretch where the light rail line will follow the Capital Crescent Trail. The trail will be narrowed at this point (some projections say to eight feet) and opponents suggest a danger to pedestrians and bike riders from proximity to rail cars.

The selected alignment, however, has the support of the Sierra Club, the Washington Area Bicyclist Association and a number of other environmental and civic organizations and municipalities.

A press release from the office

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Tracking Greenhouse Gas Emissions Is Now Possible

by Thomas X. White

Greenbelt City Council members learned something new at the August 10 regular council meeting when Brian Booher, the city’s graduate Maryland Municipal League (MML) summer intern, presented data from a software-based system that he had developed for tracking municipal greenhouse gas emissions. Labeled a “City of Greenbelt Carbon Footprint Calculator,” Assistant City Manager David Moran noted in the agenda comments prepared for the meeting that the calculator will be part of the city’s effort to reduce energy consumption and become more energy efficient.

Booher walked through the calculator’s features by way of an electronic presentation allowing him to demonstrate use of the calculator in real time. He said the system takes into account energy consumption for all

municipal buildings, vehicles and lighting. As a tool, he sees how the calculator can determine the city’s largest emissions sources, evaluate the success of efficiency programs and track the city’s progress toward meeting emission reduction goals.

The user-friendly aspect and easy access will allow city staff to input energy usage data such as kilowatt hours, therms and fuel consumption on a monthly basis. The computer-based system will then calculate the emissions with associated summary tables and graphs.

The system could also be displayed on the city’s website for both information and education. Booher envisions a downloadable template that could be used by Greenbelt residents to track their own emissions at home or work.

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What Goes On

Monday, August 24

8 p.m., Special Meeting of City Council on Tax Anticipation Financing, Municipal Building
Immediately following, City Council Worksession re: New Mixed Use Zone. Both meetings live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming live at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Wednesday, August 26

6:30 to 9 p.m., Transit Riders United of Greenbelt (TRU-G) Members Meet with Prince George’s County Transit Planner in Open Meeting, Greenbelt Community Center, Room 201
8 p.m., City Council Worksession re: Beltway Plaza, Greenbelt Community Center

Thursday, August 27

8 p.m., GHI Budget Preparations Meeting, GHI Board Room

Letters to the Editor

No Robo-calls, Please

Four times in the past two weeks I have received automated phone calls from one candidate for city council. From these repeated interruptions I have learned that he is somewhat rude. I notice that his recorded messages don't provide his own phone number – he seems completely uninterested in hearing my questions or concerns. His robotic voice doesn't stop, even if I hang up; it locks up my phone line and I can't make another call until he stops talking. He has also made the fundamentally disrespectful choice to ignore that I signed on to the federal do-not-call list, which sadly does not provide legal sanctions against these obnoxious robo-calls.

I dislike robo-calls for all politicians and particularly resent this candidate's attempt to bring a new aggressive tactic to our city's elections. Campaigning in Greenbelt should be about interacting with voters, not harassing citizens while denying us a chance to respond.

I welcome challengers running for city council from all backgrounds and all neighborhoods. I'm looking forward to getting to know candidates in many ways: reading about them in the News Review, on their campaign websites, in the Greenbelters Yahoo forum, meeting them at community events and when they come to my door. With the election months away, I have no idea who I will vote for. But I am starting to get a pretty good idea who I will vote against.

Tom Jones

THANKS!

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the City of Greenbelt for the care and concern of my cat, Star. On Monday, July 27 Star ingested flea medication by accident and became extremely ill. When I called Animal Control for help with Star (who is more than just a pet and is family to me), they promptly and immediately responded with advice and took her to the College Park Animal Hospital, where she stayed for six days and was well cared for.

I would especially like to extend a special, heart-felt thank you to Susie Root from Animal Control who called me several times a day with updates on Star's condition. She visited me almost every day while Star was in the hospital and even offered to take me there even though it is difficult for me to leave the house.

My primary purpose in writing this letter is to thank the City of Greenbelt, the hard-working people of the Greenbelt Animal Shelter and the College Park Animal Hospital for their care and concern for Star. My secondary purpose is to warn the general public on the use of Adam's Spot-On flea medication and any other flea medication that contains permethrin. Although there is a warning written on the packaging not to use this medication with cats, it was written in a print too small for a senior like me to read. I sincerely hope that my story can act as a warning to cat-owners everywhere.

Judy White

P.S. Star is doing very well and wanted me to tell you thanks.

Why an Issue?

I'm confused by the argument attributed to the city solicitor in last week's News Review (Aug. 13) that "since Roberts did not express his objection or concern when the statement was read at the June 8 meeting and that he joined the other three councilmembers in voting unanimously to approve the amended agenda with the issue [concerning changing the election year] removed . . . the mayor's statement and the discussions prior to the statement did not violate the Open Meeting Act or City Charter."

I am not a lawyer but I don't understand why the question of whether a particular action violates a statute depends on the timing of a concern being raised about the action or on any vote by the complainant one way or the other.

This is a matter not of a particular vote outcome but of procedure, so I don't see why Roberts' voting with the others on tabling the election date issue has anything to do with the question of whether a procedural violation occurred.

If the action by the council majority was not a violation, that assessment should be capable of being made independent of any observations about Mr. Roberts' votes or the timing of his complaint. So why is Mr. Roberts' behavior being made the issue here?

Ruth Kastner



Financial Report Wins Certificate for City

A Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the City of Greenbelt by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement is given to the individual(s), department or agency designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR. This was presented to Jeffrey L. Williams, Greenbelt city treasurer.

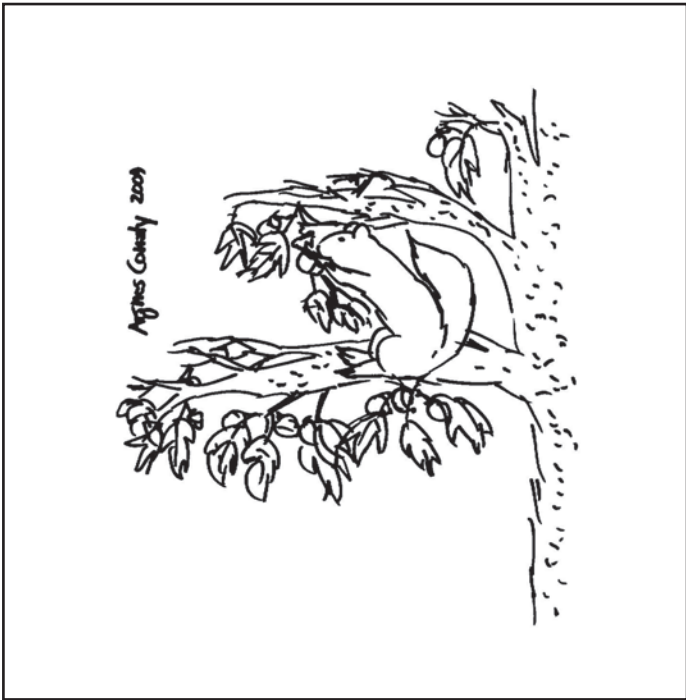
The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago and Washington, D.C.

Free Weekend Tours Of Sant Ocean Hall

The Sant Ocean Hall of the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D. C. will hold free tours on Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Look for the Navigator in the navy blue vest at the rotunda entrance to the Sant Ocean Hall. Tours last about 40 minutes.

Grin Belt



"Gotta get one of these acorns aboard those zero-gravity experiments . . ."

Corrections

In last week's paper, Greenbelt Police Captain Thomas Kemp was incorrectly identified as Captain Daniel O'Neil in the National Night Out photo with Officer McGruff and Public Information Officer Kelly Lawson.

The Kliman family want to set the record straight – they moved to Greenbelt in 1966, not 1968, and in 1970 to their GHI home, which is in the 58 Court of Crescent, to correct a few points in the article on page 4 last week announcing establishment of the Kliman youth scholarship.

Clarification

The News Review received an explanatory note from one of last week's photographers, Leslie Cummings, who photographed the National Night Out festivities at Greenbriar. While she took some good photos – especially one of four young girls – we chose not to publish where names were not available. Cummings was embarrassed by our remaining choice – a photo of herself with Officer McGruff.

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Community Events

Summer Drinks Demo At Co-op Supermarket

Hydration is a key component to health and vitality and its importance is often overlooked. Join the Greenbelt Co-op for an evening exploration of energizing summer refreshments. Learn how to make a spritzer and smoothie and discuss the importance of water in ensuring optimal health. This free event is open to the public and will run from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26 as part of the “Shop Healthy Series” at the Co-op. Meet in the produce department. The next event, “Healthy Breakfast Ideas,” will take place on September 23.

TRU-Greenbelt Meets With Planners Wed.

On Wednesday, August 26 at 6:30 p.m. Transit Riders United of Greenbelt (TRU-Greenbelt) will meet with county transit planners at the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 201 (the multi-purpose room). TRU members will examine local bus service maps with the planner and suggest changes that will improve the bus system. TRU hopes to have as many people as possible at the meeting to say where and when service is most needed so routes are planned with riders’ needs in mind. City and county representatives have heard TRU’s call to stop proposed bus cuts and improve local bus service. All are encouraged to attend to provide rider input and ideas. Light refreshments will be served. Limited rides are available by calling Anna Socrates at 301-441-4504 or emailing annasoc1@verizon.net.

Turner Brings School Supplies to GES

With school opening next Monday, Greenbelt’s County Councilmember Ingrid Turner will arrive at 10 a.m. Friday morning, August 21 to bring a donation of school supplies from the Veteran’s Commission to Greenbelt Elementary School (GES). Turner says education is the foundation for success and that every child should be equipped with tools to succeed: “During this difficult economy it is especially important for the community to come together and provide our children with the tools they need to succeed in and out of the classroom. As a veteran, I am extremely excited to partner with the Veteran’s Commission to donate school supplies to our area children and get them off to a great start this school year.” Turner will also visit Greenbelt Elementary, Springhill Lake and Greenbelt Middle Schools on opening day, August 24.

St. Hugh’s Has 60th All School Reunion

The St. Hugh’s School All-School-Years 60th Anniversary Reunion will be held the week-end of October 10. There will be a dinner-dance on Saturday, October 10 followed by an alumni Mass and picnic on Sunday, October 11. Visit the school website at www.sthughs.com to register and for more information.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for August 24 through 28 include:

- Monday – Navy bean soup, turkey cutlet with gravy, mashed potatoes, okra and tomatoes, fresh melon.
- Tuesday – Apple juice, baked pork chops with gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet green peas, stewed apples.
- Wednesday – Orange juice, oven-fried pollock with tartar sauce, corn O’Brien, diced carrots, fresh banana.
- Thursday – Grape juice, barbecued chicken breast, twice-baked potato, Caesar salad with dressing, mixed vegetables, special banana pudding (premium meal).
- Friday – Vegetable soup, turkey salad, macaroni salad, sliced beets with onion, fresh nectarine.

At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories. Tuesday, August 25, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies. Wednesday, August 26, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group. Thursday, August 27, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years, limit 20 children. Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children’s Desk.

Game On

Tuesday, August 25, 6:30 p.m. Teens, ages 13 to 18 and their families are invited to show off their gaming skills.

Scouts to Hold Car Wash and Bake Sale

Girl Scout Troop 4816 will host a combination car wash, bake sale and yard sale on Saturday, August 29 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Greenbelt Community Church at the corner of Crescent and Hillside Roads.

GHI Notes

Friday, August 21, Offices closed. (Emergency maintenance available; call 301-474-6011.) Wednesday, August 26, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee – Board Room 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee – GHI Lobby Thursday, August 27, 8 p.m., Member Input Session: 2010 Budget Preparations – Board Room Monday, August 31, 7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Martin Exhibit Closing Reception Is Sunday

The closing reception for the New Deal Café art exhibits of Lori and John Martin will be held on Sunday, August 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. All are invited. Lori Martin explores primarily celestial themes, setting both heavenly bodies and spacecraft against a rich, inky backdrop. John’s work includes architectural and nautical motifs, as well as photos of colorful fire hydrants and Greenbelt’s varied playground equipment. Music at the reception will be provided by harpist April Stace Vega, who plays classical, jazz and original music both as a solo artist and as a member of the group “Harp 46.” Vega and her band have been warmly received during past performances at the New Deal Café. Art exhibits at the New Deal Café are sponsored by Friends of New Deal Café Arts with support from Prince George’s County.

Parents are encouraged to bring their children to school on the first day or meet them at school as they get off their bus. – Prince George’s Public Schools

New Deal Café Free Music

Friday, August 21, 8 to 11 p.m., Tom Swiss and Eclectic Acoustic Maneuvers. Saturday, August 22, 8 to 11 p.m., Gliders. Sunday, August 23, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Irish jam; from 7 to 9 p.m., art reception with harpist. Tuesday, August 25, 7 to 9 p.m., open Cajun music jam. Beginners welcome. Wednesday, August 26, 7 to 9 p.m., Dennis Botzer, Irish piano tunes. Thursday, August 27, 7 to 9 p.m., open microphone session with Songwriters Association of Washington. Saturday, August 29, 8 to 11 p.m., Rio Garage, Bossa Nova music. Sunday, August 30, 5 to 8 p.m., The Lonesome Pines, bluegrass.



Electric Contract Lowers City Costs

The City of Greenbelt recently signed a new two-year contract to buy electricity through a joint purchase arrangement organized by the Baltimore-Washington Corridor Chamber of Commerce (BWCC). The city first joined the BWCC three years ago to reduce its electricity costs through volume purchasing. With its new contract the city has saved additional money while also purchasing a significant portion of its electricity from renewable sources. The new contract lowers the city’s electricity rate from the current \$0.106/kWh to \$0.092/kWh, which will save approximately \$63,000 in the first year. In the second year the rate will increase to \$0.101, which is still lower by a half-cent than the current rate. In addition to cost savings the new contract includes provisions for wind energy credits for 15 percent of electricity used. Unlike the previous agreement, the new contract also allows Greenbelt to include its street lights in the contract and receive wind energy credits for these as well. Since street lights comprise 26 percent of the city’s total annual electricity bill, this addition will save 1.7 cents per kWh over current street light rates for an estimated additional savings of \$10,000 in the first year of the contract.

Labor Day Festival

Used Book Sale

Raising Funds for Greenbelt Elementary School PTA Book donation drop-off at Co-op Supermarket August 3 to September 1 Large donation pickup available For information call: 301-474-2041

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF AUG 21

Julie & Julia (PG-13)

Friday

*5, 7:30, 9:50

Saturday

*2:30, *5, 7:30, 9:50

Sunday

*2:30, *5, 7:30

Monday - Thursday

*5, 7:30

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Week of AUG 21

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Greenbelt Arts Center

Othello

Written by William Shakespeare Adapted and directed by Bill Jones 2009 Shakespeare-On-The-Green

Sat, Aug 29, 2009 at 5pm; Sun Aug 30, 2009 at 2pm and 5pm; on the Green in front of the theater. Sat Sep 5, 2009, at 12, 2, and 4; and Sun Sep 6, 2009, at 2; inside the theater.

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Obituaries

Elizabeth F. Allen

Longtime Greenbelt resident Elizabeth F. Allen died August 13, 2009, after a five year illness.



Betty, as she was known to many, distinguished herself through the many committees she served on both in the community and at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, where she had been a member since 1960.

In Greenbelt she served on the Outstanding Citizen Committee, the Greenbelt 50th Anniversary Committee and helped to form the Prince George's County 350th Anniversary Committee.

In her capacity as a staff member of the Greenbelt Library, she helped to establish the Tugwell Room collection and served as curator of the room until she retired in 1990.

To many she epitomized the spirit of community involvement. She will be missed by those who knew her in Greenbelt for her friendliness and tireless support for the community and by Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist members for her beautiful alto voice (she sang in the choir); her poetry and her exhaustive support for various church committees.

Her husband, Gordon Allen, preceded her in death.

She is survived by her children Christopher, Drake, Margaret and Jennifer and four grandchildren.


A memorial service will be held at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road in Adelphi on Saturday, August 29 at 1 p.m.

Faith Walkers Group to Start

Those on a faith journey or wanting to start one, seeking exercise and conversation are invited to join the United Methodist Churches of Greenbelt and College Park for a series of "Faith Walks" where humanity is the common ground. The exploring of one's faith can lead to many questions about one's purpose in life. Share faith experiences with others while taking in the sights, sounds and smells of the community.

Walks will begin on Monday, August 31. Start at 40 Ridge Road (Mowatt Memorial UMC) for walks through Greenbelt on Monday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. All are welcome – individuals, families, pets and owners – all are worthy in God's eyes.

For details call Doug Mangum at 301-474-7874.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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AT S.O.M.E.

Sunday, August 30
Meet at St. Hugh's School
Parking Lot, 6:00 AM

We were sorry to hear of the death of Betty Allen of Northway on August 13, 2009. Condolences to her son Drake who resides in the home and her many friends in Greenbelt.

Congratulations to:

- Suzanne Doyle-Morris, daughter of Lyn and Bob Doyle of Greenbelt, who recently published a book titled "Beyond the Boys' Club, Strategies for Achieving Career Success as a Woman Working in a Male Dominated Field." Suzanne graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School in 1993 and graduated with honors from St. Mary's College in 1997. After earning her Ph.D. at Cambridge University in 2004, she began her own executive coaching company. She married an Englishman, Geoff Morris, and they live in a village near Cambridge. The book is available at Amazon.com.
- Chase Uber, son of Tim and Michelle Uber, who has become an Eagle Scout, scouting's highest rank and will be recognized in an Eagle Court of Honor on Saturday at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in College Park.

It's a first grandchild for Kathleen and Wayne Smith of Greendale Place. Granddaughter Justine Annette was born July 9, 2009, to Karla and David Heinen of Raleigh, N.C., weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz. Former Greenbelters Annette and Bill Brady, now of Gettysburg, Pa., are her great-grandparents. Karla deserves additional congratulations for receiving her master's degree in English from North Carolina State University in May.

Best wishes to Rick Ransom as he recovers from injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident last week. He is out of the hospital and recuperating at home.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland



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Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 10:00am
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"An End to the Age of Fire" by members of Religious Quest, guest speakers, with Marilyn Pearl, worship associate
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Mass Schedule:
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Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

All-Ages Bird Walk Sunday at Patuxent

The Patuxent Research Refuge is offering a bird walk for all ages on its North Tract on Sunday, August 23 from 8:15 to 10 a.m. Participants will search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

The North Tract is located on Rt. 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 32. The program is free though donations are appreciated.

Advance registration is required and may be made by calling 301-497-5887.

Plants Stand Tall At Arboretum

Walk through the Power Plants Exhibit at the U.S. National Arboretum through October 15, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to discover the wide variety of plants that offer alternative energy possibilities. This free garden exhibit showcases living plants and explains how they can serve as sustainable agriculture-based energy sources. A scavenger hunt activity available at the information desk will help school-aged children explore the exhibit.

The Arboretum is at 3401 New York Avenue, N.E., in Washington, D.C. Call 202-245-2726 or visit www.usna.usda.gov.

Tales of Wonder

St. George's Church is sponsoring a summer production; performances on

Saturday 8/22/09 at 8:00 p.m.,
Sunday 8/23/09 at 3:00 p.m.,
Friday 8/28/09 at 8:00 p.m. and
Sunday 8/30/09 at 3:00 p.m.

The cost of tickets is \$15.00.

St. George's is located at 7010 Glenn Dale Road, Glenn Dale, Md. 20769.
Contact number for reservations and information: 301-262-3285.



Greenbelt Baptist Church
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Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service
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Transition Greenbelt Film on Community

On Thursday, August 27 at 7 p.m. Transition Greenbelt invites everyone to view a free film, “The Power of Community,” to be shown at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center in Empirian Village at 6101 Cherrywood Lane.

When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1990, Cuba’s economy went into a tailspin. With imports of oil cut by more than half and food by 80 percent, people were desperate. The film tells of hardships and struggles as well as community and creativity of the Cuban people, showing how they moved from highly mechanized agriculture to using organic farming and urban gardens. It is an unusual look into the Cuban culture during the economic crisis. The film opens with a short history of peak oil, a term for the time when world oil production reaches an all-time peak and begins to decline forever. Cuba, the only country that has faced such a crisis, is an example of options and hope.

3-Sisters Project

Following, there will be a discussion of the Greenbelt “Three Sisters Project,” a proposed development of three volunteer-

Register on Sept. 15 For GED Classes

Greenbelt CARES will hold its fall 10-week GED course starting with registration on Tuesday, September 15 and continuing through Thursday, November 19. Registration for the course will be held on Tuesday, September 15 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The first class of instruction will be held on Thursday, September 17.

GED I is held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. GED I is for students who need review of basic math (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages and word problems) and English grammar skills.

GED II is held from 1 to 3 p.m. GED II is for students who have successfully completed GED I and/or are ready to learn algebra and geometry, English literature and writing skills and prepare to take the GED test.

GED classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday for 10 weeks in the Municipal Building Conference Room at 25 Crescent Road.

Students are required to show proof of residency (i.e., current lease, phone or electric bill, driver’s license or Motor Vehicle ID card).

There is no charge for Greenbelt residents. Nonresidents are required to pay a \$175 registration fee. All students are required to buy a copy of the GED textbook and calculator that can be purchased from Greenbelt CARES.

Students do not have to be 16 years old to take the GED course. Students are eligible to take a free GED pre-test given at Greenbelt CARES. The actual GED test is given by the State of Maryland. However, students who are ready to take the test can obtain the application forms from Greenbelt CARES.

Questions and enrollment information regarding either GED I or GED II should be directed to Judy Hering, course instructor, at Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660 ext. 2016 or email jhering@ci.greenbeltmd.gov.

created interrelated food gardens in the east, west and core areas of Greenbelt. This project will include more bay-friendly landscaping to reduce run off to the bay, promote demonstration community gardens and food security, incorporate community-based art and design and encourage youth participation. It will include all areas of the community and all races and ethnic groups.

Transition Greenbelt wants to raise awareness of sustainable living, build local resilience in the community and look for ways to reduce energy usage, increase self reliance in responding to negative effects of peak oil, climate change and a challenged economy.

For information or directions call Che Sayles at 240-602-3987 or email him at Trusteesayles@aol.com.

Culinary Arts Can Be Sampled

This summer the U.S. Botanic Garden is exploring art in the garden. Through a two-part exhibit that features a series of highly-stylized garden rooms on the Conservatory Terrace and original sculptures inspired by plants in an adjoining gallery, the garden is celebrating the symbolic and aesthetic role of plants in culture.

Sample different recipes at the free event. It will take place under a tent, rain or shine, on Saturday, August 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration is not required. The U.S. Botanic Garden is on the National Mall at 100 Maryland Avenue, S.W. in Washington, D.C.



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City Information

MEETINGS FOR August 24-27

Monday, August 24 at 8:00pm, **SPECIAL MEETING-TAX ANTICIPATION FINANCING**, Municipal Building

Immediately following Special Meeting will be **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION** re: New Mixed Use Zone. Both meetings will be live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming live at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Wednesday, August 26 at 8:00pm, **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION** re: **Beltway Plaza**, at Greenbelt Community Center.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies exist on the: Green Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Youth Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Arts Advisory Board, Community Relations Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee. For more info call 301-474-8000.

Members of City Advisory Boards and Committees are eligible for half-price annual individual or family memberships at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Ctr.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TAX ANTICIPATION FINANCING MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2009, at 8 p.m. Council Room, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road



MOM’S MORNING OUT Preschool Registration

This traditional pre-school program focuses on providing activities which encourage social development, gross motor skills, and listening to and following instructions.

Children must be fully potty trained before they are eligible to register. For more information please call the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301-397-2200.

Class Information:

Ages 4-5, M/W/F 9:00am-1:00pm/Youth Center
37 Classes: 9/14 - 12/18
(No Class 9/28, 11/11, 11/23, 11/25, 11/27)
Residents: \$592, Non-Residents: \$740

Ages 3-4, Tu/Th 9:00am-12:00pm/Youth Center
26 Classes: 9/15 - 12/17, (No Class 11/24, 11/26)
Residents: \$312 Non-Residents: \$390

For information on City Government, Services, Events and more visit Greenbelt CityLink at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Visit Greenbelt FaceBook for weekly updates!

GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER

The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center’s Indoor Pool and Hot Tub will re-open August 27 at 6:00am.

Outdoor Pool schedule for August 17-26:
Monday - Friday 6:00am to 10:00pm
Saturday and Sunday 8:00am to 10:00pm

TRU-G MEETING WITH COUNTY TRANSIT PLANNER

Wednesday, August 26, 2009
6:30-9:00pm

Greenbelt Community Center, Room 201

Transit Riders United of Greenbelt (TRU-G) Members are meeting with a Prince George’s County transit planner to examine Greenbelt bus service maps and suggest changes to improve our bus system.

All are encouraged to attend.

Interested in running for City Council?
See election information at www.greenbeltmd.gov Info: 301-474-8000

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER PETS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Jasper on his adoption



Beautiful: Female, brown colored long haired tabby w/white chest.

Molly: Long haired female calico.

Cutie: Female gray and white



Kittens: Black and Tabby male and female kittens. 5 weeks old. Very cute and lovable. Mom is also looking for a home. Come out and see how adorable they are!



The Greenbelt Animal Shelter is in need of cat litter, dishwasher soap and dishwasher detergent donations.

Please bring donations to the Animal Shelter at 550-A Crescent Road.



Visit pets at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Wednesdays, from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm.

For more information on any of these pets, call 301-474-6124.

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Reports section of the agenda, Davis and Councilmember Leta Mach won the competition for having attended the most National Night Out events in Greenbelt on August 4. They attended (in sequence) all of Greenbelt’s night out events including those at Windsor Green, Hunting Ridge, Belle Pointe, Roosevelt Center, Empirian Village, the Greenspring neighborhood, Mowatt Methodist Church and two in Greenbriar.

Ordinances/Resolution
Council considered and adopted three ordinances and one resolution. The first item was an ordinance to revise building alarm user permit fees in Greenbelt. As part of the consideration of the Fiscal Year 2010 budget, council had approved a change in setting the fees for alarm user permits from a biennial basis to an annual basis. A new ordinance enacts that policy.

For alarm permit holders, the impact is that the \$100 biennial fee is now an annual fee. The ordinance was adopted by council with four in favor and Councilmember Rodney Roberts opposed. Roberts’ concern was the increased cost for permit holders.

Election Revisions
As part of the package of election measures, an ordinance that allows two weeks of early voting at designated locations in Greenbelt, including weekday and evening hours in Greenbelt center precincts (North End and Center) and weekend hours in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West was adopted unanimously.

Specifically, early voting will occur on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building beginning the third Monday prior to the election, October 19, and ending the last Friday prior to the election.

Early voting will also occur in Greenbelt East the third weekend prior to the election, Saturday, October 17, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sunday, October 18, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the second weekend prior to the election in Greenbelt West – same times. The actual locations in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West will be determined by the city clerk.

Any registered voter residing in Greenbelt would be able to cast an early vote at any of the early voting locations. The ordinance provides for the secure handling and counting of the sealed early voted ballots. Those ballots will be held for counting when the polls close on the night of the actual election, November 3.

Council also unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing the appointment of election judges and clerks to work in the city’s five election precincts for the November 2009 election. The resolution also provides for compensation for the judges and clerks who serve at the election in November as well as for the chairperson and members of the city’s Board of Elections.

Campaign Finance
The final ordinance considered was a revision of campaign finance requirements for city elections; namely, Article II Campaign Contributions and Expenditures of Chapter 8 “Elections” of the Greenbelt City Code. The proposed revisions were considered and recommended by council at a June 24 worksession.

These included the addition

of a third contribution report, the reporting of family and “in kind” donations, the stipulation of fines and penalties for non-compliance, the dispersal of leftover campaign funds and the requirement that candidates maintain a bank account separate from their personal account for campaign funds.

At the time of the first reading of the subsequent proposed revised ordinance on July 13, council had directed that a section stipulating fines and/or imprisonment be removed, made changes to the reporting deadlines and clarified that the rules relating to the dispersal of leftover campaign funds not apply to funds donated by the candidates themselves.

Those changes had been deemed substantive enough to require the proposed ordinance to revert to first reading. This act required a suspension of the rules for its adoption at this meeting. On the vote to suspend the rules and for adoption, Roberts voted no; the ordinance was thus adopted four to one. Roberts’ objections were that the increased reporting requirements were overly burdensome.

With the adoption, candidates for the upcoming election will be required to submit their first “interim” report by September 25 for any campaign contributions received and any expenditures made since the date of the last city election and up to Monday, September 21 as opposed to the previous requirement that an interim report just for contributions received being due on Friday, October 16. The adoption of this revised ordinance will allow the city clerk to have the revised campaign finance requirements included in the candidates’ packets for the 2009 election.

Other Items
Other items considered and acted upon by council at its August 10 meeting included a city communication directed to the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) concerning a proposed Capital Improvement Program for the National Capital Region. City staff identified about 33 projects in Prince George’s County for the 2010 to 2015 period.

Several projects are located at the Beltsville Agriculture Research Center (BARC), the Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) and the Greenbelt Federal Court House. The BARC and GSFC projects are primarily restoration and rehabilitation of existing facilities. The Federal Courthouse envisions a \$169,000,000 planned expansion of that facility. City staff indicate that that project is in the Environmental Assessment phase.

City staff recommended that a letter be sent to the NCPC requesting that the city be kept informed of all development ongoing and planned for the BARC, GSFC and the Federal Courthouse. The letter should also indicate the city’s support for projects that promote investment in transit and that encourage the National Park Service to invest in Greenbelt Park. The letter should also emphasize the city’s interest in the use of green building techniques in all federal capital improvement projects.

During discussion council opted to express no support at all for a proposed high speed rail (Maglev) project between Baltimore and Washington but to add support for needed improvements to the

National Agricultural Library and the overall value of protection of remaining open space in the National Capital Region.

City staff provided a list of the traditional sites for city locations for candidate signs for information. The mayor noted that no council action is required and that the decision to place a sign on the city site(s) is up to individual council candidates. There was however a request that the city consider and propose additional sites.

Charter Changes
In a memorandum to council, Assistant City Manager David Moran outlined for council several instances in the City Charter where the recent change from a five-member council to a seven-member council would require council to determine what constitutes a “supermajority” number for the new seven-member council.

He explained that such supermajority votes currently require four of the five councilmembers to vote affirmatively; in other cases the vote requires a two-thirds majority (also four votes). Since the current four out of five is an 80 percent threshold, for the new seven-person council, five out of seven would be a 71 percent threshold and six out of seven would be 86 percent. For the two-thirds majority, the current situation translates to four out of five and for the seven-person council that would be five out of seven.

Council considered Moran’s memo and guidance and recom-

mended that Charter Amendments be prepared to reflect the following situations:

Special meetings shall be called by the clerk upon the written request of the mayor, the city manager or by four (4) members of council; or by motion of council duly adopted at a regular meeting (simple majority).

Council shall have the power to compel the attendance of absent members and may, by vote of not less than six (6) members, expel a member from the meeting for disorderly conduct or violations of its rules.

The affirmative vote of a majority of the members elected to council shall be necessary to adopt any ordinance, resolution, order or vote . . . except that any votes to delete properties from the Greenbelt Forest Preserve shall require six (6) votes.

No ordinance shall be passed until it has been read on two separate days, unless the requirements for reading it on two separate days be dispensed with by a vote of not less than six (6) members of council.

Another provision in the Charter that called for the Board of Elections at the earliest date to call a special election to fill vacancies in the case where three or more council seats were vacant was left intact.

Likewise, unchanged was that a two-thirds vote of all members of council is required in the case of authorization of supplemental and emergency appropriations and reduction or transfer of appropriations.

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Graph Presented
With data fed in thus far on city energy use, Booher showed a graph for 2008 city emission sources. Sharing the top spot, not surprisingly, were the city’s vehicle fleet and the Aquatic and Fitness Center. Each garnered 25 percent of the city’s total emissions.

With 16 percent for the Community Center and 11 percent for outdoor lighting those two facilities were the next largest emitters. The final 23 percent was made up of several city facilities, with police headquarters at 7 percent and the Municipal Building, Public Works, the Youth Center and the Springhill Lake Recreation Center each at 4 percent.

Armed with the calculator, Booher sees the city being able to quickly and easily track and compare greenhouse gas emissions between sources and over time. It should be able to evaluate whether energy efficiency policies and capital improvements are effectively reducing carbon dioxide emissions and can calculate the percentage of emission reduction below a 2005 baseline.

These data would help determine which elements of the city’s energy consumption are on track to meet the projected emission reduction goals set by the State of Maryland, the Council of Governments and the city’s own goals. With that capability the calculator may be of interest to the MML and its members because they all would be subject to the state reduction goals.



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IT’S BUDGET PREP TIME

You are invited to join the
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Fresh Grade A Split Chicken Breasts 99¢ lb.	Fresh Value Pack Boneless Sirloin Steak \$ 2⁹⁹ lb.	Fresh Value Pack Boneless Center Cut Pork Chops or Roasts \$ 2⁴⁹ lb.	Fresh Value Pack 85% Extra Lean Ground Beef \$ 2⁴⁹ lb.
Fresh Value Pack Boneless Bottom Round Swiss Steak \$ 3²⁹ lb.	Fresh Shurfine Villa Capri Italian Sausage Links \$ 2⁶⁹ lb.	Ball Park Meat Franks Assorted 12-16 oz. BUY ONE GET ONE FREE	Hatfield Sliced Bacon Assorted 1 lb. BUY ONE GET ONE FREE

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Land-O-Lakes American Cheese Singles 12 oz. 3/\$ 8⁰⁰	Crowley Sour Cream 16 oz. \$ 1⁵⁰	Kunzler Cooked Salami \$ 2⁶⁹ lb.	Banquet Select Recipes Dinners Assorted 9-15 oz. 3/\$ 4⁰⁰	Birds Eye Assorted Vegetables Selected Varieties 8-16 oz. \$ 1²⁵
Health & Beauty	Seafood	Customer Appreciation Discount Day		
Alberto V0-5 Shampoo or Conditioner Assorted 15 oz. 88¢	Silver Brite Alaskan Salmon Fillets \$ 5⁹⁹ lb.	August 26th 5% Discount to ALL customers on ALL purchases (except stamps and gift cards)		
Crest Pro Spin Power Toothbrush each \$ 7⁹⁹	Gulf 21/25 Count Jumbo Raw Shrimp \$ 5⁹⁹ lb.			
		Natural & Gourmet	Bakery	
		Cardini's Original Caesar Salad Dressings 12 oz. \$ 2⁵⁰	Fresh Store Baked Rye Bread Assorted loaf \$ 1⁹⁹	
		Cardini's Gourmet Salad Croutons Assorted 5 oz. \$ 1⁵⁹	Fresh 8 inch Store Baked Dutch Apple Pie 8 inch \$ 3⁹⁹	

Grocery Bargains				
Hunt's Spaghetti Sauces Assorted 26 oz. \$ 1⁰⁰	Bumble Bee Chunk White Albacore Tuna 5-6 oz. \$ 1⁰⁰	Shurfine Assorted Pasta 12-16 oz. \$ 1⁰⁰	Gatorade Thirst Quencher Drinks Assorted 32 oz. \$ 1⁰⁰	Chef Boy Ar Dee Microwave Meals Assorted 7-7.5 oz. \$ 1⁰⁰
Peter Pan Peanut Butter Assorted 16.3 oz. \$ 1⁵⁰	Domino Granulated Sugar 5 lb. \$ 2⁶⁹	Maxwell House Ground Coffee Select Varieties 11-11.5 oz. \$ 2⁵⁰	Shurfine Plastic Sandwhich Bags 150 pk. 99¢	Thomas Original English Muffins 6 pk. BUY ONE GET ONE FREE

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http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Burglaries

August 7, 8:20 p.m., 52 Court Crescent Road, a television and X-box were among items taken.
August 8, 5:06 p.m., 100 block Westway, a laptop, computer and camera were among items taken.
August 10, 8:00 a.m., 100 block Westway, a laptop was taken.
August 10, 8:29 a.m., 100 block Westway, a computer monitor, laptop and a green 1999 Toyota Camry, MD tag MRZ629, were among items taken.
August 12, 8:24 a.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road, a DVR and cash were taken from a business.
August 13, 6:56 a.m., 100 block Westway, a TV, cash and a silver 2000 Honda Civic, MD tag 8EYG16, were taken.

Vandalism

August 6, 11:58 a.m., 100 block Westway, a glass door was shot with a BB gun.
August 7, 12:40 p.m., 10 Court Crescent Road, graffiti was found on playground equipment.

August 8, 6:17 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, an apartment window was broken by unknown means.
August 9, 10:30 a.m., Crescent Road at Hillside Road, graffiti was found on underpass walls.
August 9, 11:19 a.m., 13 Court Ridge Road, graffiti was found on a shed.
August 10, 8:25 a.m., 14 Court Ridge Road, graffiti was found on the side of a building.
August 10, 8:53 a.m., across from 11 Crescent Road, graffiti was found on the sidewalk near the playground.
August 13, 8:22 a.m., Hillside Road at Laurel Hill Road, graffiti was found on a sign.

Vehicle Crimes

Four vehicles were stolen: 7800 block Somerset Court, a white 2000 Ford Expedition, MD tag 13455M5; 7900 block Mandan Road, a gold 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer, MD tag M902115; 9100 block Edmonston Road, a gray 2009 Nissan Versa, MD tag 6ENZ11; 6100 block Breezewood

Drive, a blue 2003 Cadillac Deville, MD tag 16808CB.
Thefts from vehicles occurred in the following locations: 100 block Westway (laptop), 6200 block Springhill Drive (car stereo, iPod, sunglasses), 7200 block Morrison Drive (TV/radio unit), 7200 South Ora Court (change and CDs).
Vandalism to cars occurred in the 9300 block Edmonston Road (paint was damaged) and 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (car window was broken).
A stolen auto (1995 Acura Integra) was discovered in the 9200 block of Springhill Lane. No arrests were made. Montgomery County Police were notified and recovered the vehicle.
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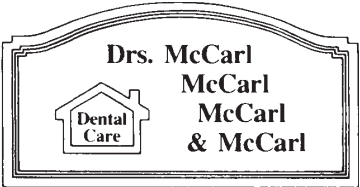


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of U.S. Representative Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.), who was unable to attend the ceremony, said, “It is essential that this project be implemented in a manner that preserves the integrity of the Capital Crescent Trail and minimizes the impact on surrounding neighborhoods. I will work with Governor O’Malley and federal transportation officials to accomplish this goal.”

Congestion Controversies

The Purple Line will include 21 surface-level stops along its route, including at Silver Spring, Takoma Park/Langley Park, University of Maryland/College Park and Riverdale. It will connect the Metro Red, Green and Orange lines. It will also connect with MARC lines, Amtrak and Metro bus lines.

Supporters say this alignment will foster development near the transit line that will be consistent with Smart Growth objectives.

Opponents say not only would light rail fail to alleviate traffic congestion or reduce pollution but tree removal along the trail would further degrade the Rock Creek watershed.

Opponents also voice safety concerns about rail cars sharing space with the trail and running along busy thoroughfares, thus increasing traffic congestion. The noise of a rail line near residences and commercial areas is another objection, though light rail proponents tout the quieter design of more modern rail cars.

The rail will run mostly at ground level, with short sections of tunnel (0.7 mile) and aerial way (1.9 miles). It will use overhead lines, making the surface electrically safe for pedestrians. The state’s projected cost is \$1.5 billion in today’s dollars. Travel time between end points is estimated at 56 minutes.

Process and Funding

Now that the governor has announced the state’s preferred alternative, the project will be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration for approval to begin preliminary engineering. The state expects to provide half the funds and seek the rest from the federal government.

Federal funding is not a given,

of course, with other states competing as well for tax dollars for transportation projects. When Governor O’Malley left New Carrollton on Tuesday, he headed for Baltimore to announce the state’s preferred alternative for that city’s Red Line as a 14-mile light rail connecting the existing light rail system, MARC trains, Baltimore’s Metro subway and local bus routes.

The projected cost for this latter transportation project is given by the state as \$1.63 billion, some of which the state also hopes will come from federal funding. This action puts the two light-rail lines in competition with each other for financial support from limited federal funds.

In an editorial on Wednesday, August 5 The Washington Post called the odds of the Purple Line being built “better than even” but suggested that seeking federal funds could add years to the planning and design phases of the project. Selling the project to the feds will take time and money, the editorial suggested.

Since redevelopment along the Purple Line is likely to get a boost from its construction, the Post suggested that Annapolis consider having some of the cost borne by developers and businesses.

The optimistic timeline for the Purple Line project is for preliminary engineering to begin this year and final design in 2011. Construction would begin in 2013, with operation of the system beginning in 2016.

The state assigns the same timeline for Baltimore’s Red Line. Legal action by the Town of Chevy Chase or other opponents challenging the state’s plans could affect this proposed timeline.

the police “would not respond” or “won’t do anything” about the problem. Craze said that any time a resident calls the police, the caller may also ask to speak to the responding officer to find out the officer’s observations and plan of action. Davis spoke of teens “hanging out” in Greenbelt East. She asked when someone should call the police. Craze said that residents should follow their gut instincts about situations.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked if “hot spot” initiatives were in progress and if bike patrols had been increased. Craze replied that, with the number of officers the department has, he has focused on increasing the number of officers on patrol.

Gang Report

In introducing Lee, Craze noted Lee’s 14 years of additional training on gangs and experience in working with gangs. Lee began his presentation by pointing out that it is not illegal to be in a gang and that gang membership crosses all socioeconomic, racial and ethnic boundaries. He noted that the crimes associated with gang activity are vandalism, theft, drug possession, rape, assault and murder.

He stated that it is estimated that Prince George’s County has approximately 280 gangs with 2,500 members and persons with ties to gangs, which is several times more than in neighboring counties in the Baltimore-Washington area. To council’s question if there were gangs in Greenbelt, Lee said that if there is gang graffiti, there are gangs and he has observed gang graffiti in the underpass by the Sunoco station, in Buddy Attick Park, at Greenbelt Middle School, near the Aquatic Center and in Greenbelt East, though most of the graffiti was seen in Greenbelt West. Lee believes there are six gangs with about 25 members in Greenbelt.

Davis asked if there were female gang members. Lee said

there are many who are full members and that the number of female gang members is on the rise. Councilmember Konrad Herling asked if Lee believed that recreational opportunities decreased gang activity. Lee said he thought that more supervised activities for youths had “some” effect.

Lee’s recommendations for reducing gang activity include more enforcement – “making things hard for them” – through ongoing intelligence achieved through cooperation between residents and police. Residents, including schools and homeowners’ associations, are encouraged to report any suspected gang graffiti or activities and get descriptions of individuals involved.

Staffing Issues

Returning to other agenda items, Davis asked Craze if there was anything the city could do to assist the police department. The ensuing discussion turned to staffing issues. Craze reported that many officers in the department are within 10 years of retirement, with two current openings. Putens asked about the possibility of having a resource officer program – a “pool” of officers upon whom the department could draw in times of need. Craze replied that such a program was prohibited by law and professional organizations but that it may be possible to maintain a pool of “public safety officers” who are able to perform limited police functions.

Davis ended the session by offering the city’s continuing thanks to all officers “who keep us safe.”

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APB Continues Inquiries On South Core Developments

by Thomas X. White

The city’s Advisory Planning Board (APB) met again on August 5 to continue deliberations on the proposed revisions to the approved detailed site plans (DSP) for a portion of the Greenbelt South Core development in Greenbelt West. The APB considered the proposed revisions on July 15 after hearing from the Metroland developer’s representative and the home builder Craftstar Homes on their plans to take over a portion of the development from Pulte Homes. The APB took the proposed revisions under advisement, indicating that more information on the proposed changes was needed.

Apparently, little progress has been made since the July 15 meeting. Craftstar Homes representatives indicated they may be able to improve somewhat the townhomes’ design to address concerns of the APB and to attempt to match the elevations (architectural design) for the townhomes. They will also consider possible dormers such as were planned in the original Pulte designs.

APB member Keith Chernikoff reported on his visit to other Craftstar-built homes in the Rockville area and his assessment that they are wearing well in those communities.

John Lippert, chair of the newly named Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Greenbelt ACES) attended the August 5 meeting. He questioned the Craftstar representatives on their claims at the earlier July 15 meeting on the firm’s energy star ratings.

Energy Index

Lippert said that on a Home Energy Rating System (HERS) index score of 85 or less was needed to earn an Energy Star rating . Craftstar had indicated that an index score of 70 would be possible. He said they would provide further information at the next meeting.

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Bulletin

Tentative Go Ahead

At its August 19 meeting the APB continued its review of the Craftstar Homes plans for the 151 rear-loading townhomes for the Greenbelt Station South Core development. The board generally felt that the developer had modified their proposed design and siting of the townhomes sufficiently so that it could recommend to council that the covenants on the project be modified to reflect the design changes offered by Craftstar. The board recognized that overall approval by the city would depend on the developers (Metroland) being able to resolve several other outstanding issues relating to the 2006 covenant and development agreement.

The APB will meet again on September 2 to approve its final report.

which a home built to the specifications of the HERS Reference Home scores a HERS index of 100, while a net zero energy home scores a HERS index of 0.

From the developer’s side there was still no definite progress on how the city’s concerns regarding the requirements in the 2006 covenants and agreements would be addressed. The status of financing for moving ahead and who would be responsible for meeting the covenant and development agreements remains tentative.

New Interests

What has changed is possible new interest in the development on the part of other builders. The developers noted that some interest has been expressed by NVR Homes of Reston, Va.

This interest relates to the portions of the project beyond the 151 rear-loaded townhomes to be constructed by Craftstar. In addition the city planning staff has received inquiries relating to the development by K Hovnanian Homes, another local builder.

Proposed revisions to the site plan for the Metroland South Core development will be considered further by the APB at its August 19 meeting. This update was based upon a post-meeting interview with Amy Hofstra of the Greenbelt Department of Planning and Community Development.

City Notes

Animal Control staff responded to three pit bull complaints, removed one injured bird from a resident’s yard, logged two cruelty and one barking complaints and impounded one dog.

Public Works

Staff welcomed Earl Green who was hired to assume the weekend trash pick-up as well as provide cleaning services at the Buddy Attick Park restrooms, Schrom Hills Park restrooms and the Public Works facility.

Special Details staff removed unauthorized signs and removed graffiti from the underpasses at the library, Hillside Road and Laurel Hill.

Refuse and Recycling crew collected 32.73 tons of refuse and 13.21 tons of co-mingled recyclable materials.

Recreation

Representatives from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) met with staff. They visited the Greenbelt Skate Park to discuss design, operations and the city’s general experience with the park for the past three years as part of research on skate parks being conducted by MNCPPC staff.

Participants of Camp YOGO (Youth on the Go) were introduced to geocaching by representatives from the REI Outdoor School. Campers were given an introduction to operating GPS units and practiced their new skills through a geocaching treasure hunt around the Youth Center and surrounding area.

Exhibitions

New at the Community Center Art Gallery is “My Island: New Work by the Greenbelt Community Center Artists in Residence.” A reception will be held with the artists at the September 6 Artful Afternoon, beginning at 3 p.m.

At the Aquatic and Fitness Center is an underwater photography show by Greenbelt artist Barbara Tyroler.

Greenbelt CARES

Christal Batey, Sharon Vanzego and Teresa Smithson interviewed Yusef Kush Dorman-El, an undergraduate social work student from Bowie State University. Dorman-El will intern in the GAIL program for the 2009-2010 academic year. He previously volunteered with the GAIL program outreach services in the Empirian Village community.

Festival Notes

Carnival

The carnival midway opens Friday, September 4 at 6 p.m. and will be open Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday from noon to 11 p.m. and Monday from noon to 6 p.m. Discount vouchers for ride wristbands are available at the Co-op until September 4.

Information Day

Information Day will be held Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Publicize a group, cause or organization by staffing an information table. The deadline has been extended and applications are available for download at www.greenbelt.com/laborday/Information.htm or by calling David Pitts at 301-345-9605.

Parade

The deadline for parade applications has been extended to August 24. Applications can be found at www.greenbelt.com/laborday.

The Lone Ranger and Silver will be at the Festival and part of the parade to unveil the Lone Ranger postage stamp.

Entertainment

On Saturday night, the Mary Shaver Band (www.maryshaverband.com) will perform on-stage from 8 to 11 p.m. Bruce Swaim will perform jazz music on Sunday from noon until 2 p.m. The Reagan Years (www.thereaganyears.com) will be on stage Sunday night following the crowning of Miss Greenbelt. The Hubcaps (www.hubcaps.com) will perform on Monday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Shuttle

The committee is looking for volunteers to drive the shuttle. The shuttle runs throughout the festival and drivers work in shifts. Call Brian York at 301-474-4610 if interested. The shuttle has four stops throughout Greenbelt. There is no set schedule but a shuttle will be at any given stop every 15 to 20 minutes.

Miss Greenbelt Pageant

The pageant is looking for



participants in the Princess Pageant for ages 2 to 6. There is no competition. For information about the entry fee email laborday@greenbelt.com.

Booths

There will be a mandatory booth meeting on August 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 114.

Art and Photo Shows

Entries for the art and photo shows will be accepted on Thursday, September 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. or Friday, September 4 from 10 a.m. to noon (Art Show only) or 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Community Center. The pieces will be on display in the Community Center Saturday, September 5 and Sunday, September 6 from 1 to 6 p.m. and Monday, September 7 from noon to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Kids’ Games

Kids’ games will be held on Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. on the Community Center front lawn. In the event of rain, the games will be in the gym.

Friday Night Sports

The singles and doubles table tennis tournament will be Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Youth Center and is open to anyone 12 years and older. Entry is free. The annual adult kickball game will be Friday night from 7 to 8 at Braden Field #2 and will be followed by the David Craig Memorial co-ed adult softball game from 8 to 10.

Slow-Pitch Softball

Men’s top area teams compete all weekend. Pre-registration is required. For more information call Andrew Phelan at the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200.

Strategy Games

Over a dozen strategy games will be on hand Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Youth Center Game Room. There will be a demonstration and instruction by the Greenbelt Strategy Games Club.

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Annual Crab Feast and Bull Roast

Saturday, September 19, 2009
at Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department
125 Crescent Rd.



Tickets: \$37 Adults; \$18.50
Children 6-12, Under 6 Free
No Reserved Seating



For tickets call the firehouse at 301-345-7000

Come Feast on Crabs and Pit Beef and all the fixings.
Beer and Sodas will be provided.



Beltway Plaza Mall

Back to School Fashion Show

Saturday, August 22, 2 p.m.
at Center Court

Great Deals for the Whole Family!

Target • Burlington Coat Factory • Giant Food
Gallo Clothing • Marshall’s • Academy Stadium
Theaters Planet Fun • Gold’s Gym • Jo-Ann
Fabrics • CVS

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